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Mr. James C. deVos, Jr.
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Dear Jim:

For some reason your November 20, 1985, letter expressing concern about the December deadline for a final report on the Sonoran pronghorn was not received until December 16, 1985. I have been negligent in not informing you sooner that due to shifting priorities on development of Section 6 cooperative agreements and actions required on other species, development of written comments on your interim report has been delayed.

Due to the delay on our part, by means of this letter we are extending your final program report deadline to March 31, 1986. As our work priorities stand at this time, we intend to have the comments on the interim report to you in January. In the meantime, based on comments you received from the National Park Service and the recovery team, if you wish you can proceed with some of the requested corrections in the interim report and fill out the data tables that we discussed in October.

As discussed at the team meeting, the main guidance that should be followed in developing the final report is the understanding that the project activities must be fully and accurately reported to be of value in developing future studies. Overall, it is not as important to understand where the contract fell short or succeeded, as it is to accurately document what was done and what the results were. Any reader of the final report should be able to develop a clear mental picture of what took place under what circumstances, and when it happened. This is why we feel so strongly that many of the tables in the interim report need to be "fleshed out" with complete data on each animal, specific dates of observation, and other facts that will place the effort in perspective. This was a significant study of the pronghorn and it included a number of phenomenal accomplishments and observations. Therefore, it is most important that the study be accurately and fully reported. To plan and justify future work, we need to record all of the facts, the pluses and the minuses.

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I apologize for not getting back to you sooner on this matter.
Thank you for bringing it to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

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